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REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending herein.

Claims 1-20 are rejected.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16-18 and 20 are currently amended.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. It was stated that "a pair of lid panel actuation pistons extendible from said cylinders" is not supported in the specification.

It will be noted that each of claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 has been amended to recite "...a pair of cylinders and a lid panel actuation piston extendible from each of said cylinders...", in accordance with the description in the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that each of amended claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 complies with the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 is therefore respectfully solicited.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gerber et al.

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(6,692,352).

In light of the amendments to claims 1, 9 and 13, it is respectfully submitted that Gerber et al. fails to anticipate claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as will be hereinafter set forth.

Gerber et al. fails to disclose invention of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6

It is respectfully submitted that Gerber et al. fails to disclose an interlocking lid comprising "...first and second lid panels...wherein at least one of said first and second lid panels comprises a beveled lid shoulder, an interlock flange spaced-apart from said beveled lid shoulder and an interlock groove between said interlock flange and said beveled lid shoulder...", as set forth in amended claim 1, and therefore, defined by claims 2, 5 and 6 as dependent from amended claim 1.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Gerber et al. fails to expressly or inherently describe each and every element as set forth in amended claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 is therefore respectfully solicited.

Gerber et al. fails to disclose invention of claims 9 and 10

It is respectfully submitted that Gerber et al. fails to disclose an interlocking lid comprising "...first and second lid panels...wherein at least one of said first and second lid panels comprises a beveled lid shoulder having a front segment and a

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rear segment, an interlock flange spaced-apart from said beveled lid shoulder and an interlock groove between said interlock flange and said beveled lid shoulder...", as set forth in amended claim 9, and therefore, defined by claim 10 as dependent from amended claim 9.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Gerber et al. fails to expressly or inherently describe each and every element as set forth in amended claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(c). Reconsideration and allowance of claims 9 and 10 is therefore respectfully solicited.

Gerber et al. fails to disclose invention of claims 13, 15, 17 and 19

It is respectfully submitted that Gerber et al. fails to disclose an interlocking lid comprising "...first and second lid panels...wherein at least one of said first and second lid panels comprises a beveled lid shoulder, an interlock flange spaced-apart from said beveled lid shoulder and an interlock groove between said interlock flange and said beveled lid shoulder...", as set forth in amended claim 13, and therefore, defined by claims 15, 17 and 19 as dependent from amended claim 15.

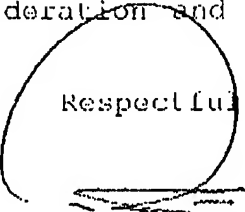
Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Gerber et al. fails to expressly or inherently describe each and every element as set forth in amended claims 13, 15, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Reconsideration and allowance of claims 13, 15, 17 and 19 is therefore respectfully solicited.

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Conclusion

Every effort has been made to amend applicant's claims in order to define his invention in the scope to which it is entitled. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-20 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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